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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Filed concurrently herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-captioned application. Therefore, in reply to the Final Office Action dated July 7, 2010, and the Advisory Action dated December 20, 2010, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of these amendments and remarks is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, as this submission is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee, abandonment of the application, or filing of a Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit.

If any extensions of time and additional fees are required to make this Reply timely, these extension are hereby petitioned, and any required fees are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-5071.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.